

Indiana State Board of Education Request for Freeway School Accreditation

Board Date: August 1, 2012

School: Legacy Christian School B248

Education Director: Lana Thompson

Address: 470 Lakeview Drive

Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Grade Span: PK-8

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment: 145

Targeted Population: Families seeking a quality, faith-based education

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Office of School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

<u>Identity</u>: Legacy Christian School (LCS) is a private PK-8 Christian school. Founded in 2000, there has been considerable growth in the student body. With a current enrollment of 145 students (98 in grades K-8), LCS plans to add high school in the coming years as enrollment dictates.

LCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Indiana Non-public Education Association (INPEA).

The vision of Legacy Christian School is to be a leader in Christian education where students are academically and spiritually prepared to become our next generation of leaders, shining the light of Christ in the world.

The mission of Legacy Christian School is to provide an excellent education in a Christian environment that engages and challenges students in the classroom and beyond.

<u>Curriculum</u>: LCS has established an Academic Excellence Committee which evaluates curriculum and chooses what textbooks will be used at the school. Nearly all of the textbooks are from secular publishers and appear on the Indiana Department of Education's list of



approved curriculum. Because of our desire to teach with a biblical world view, LCS maintains a Bible curriculum from a Christian publisher.

The Academic Excellence Committee makes recommendations for the purchase of new textbooks based on the Indiana Textbook Adoption Schedule and also based on funds available for the purchase of new books.

Because of our limited enrollment at this time, tuition funds are not always available to purchase books on the State's six year adoption timeline. With that in mind, LCS teachers are responsible for submitting their long range lesson plans to the administration. These plans list the Indiana State and Common Core Standards for each grade level. Each teacher is responsible for mapping out his/her curriculum and identifying when each standard is taught during that school year.

<u>Testing History:</u> Legacy Christian Schools have surpassed the state average the last five years of available data. In 2011, 93% of students passed both Math and Language Arts, compared to a state average of 72%.

<u>Staffing</u>: LCS has a high percentage of Indiana licensed teachers on staff.

Waiver Requests:

- IC 20-20-5-2; IC 20-20-5-23; IC 20-26-12-24; IC 20-26-12-28; 511 IAC 6.1-5-5 Rules concerning textbooks.
- IC 20-30-5-8; IC 20-30-5-9; IC 20-30-5-11 Safety and health education; Instruction on alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substance.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation